

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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Roman Doric columns, situated on the building's foundation, frame the entry way in the diagonal wall and the first floor rectangular windows. These columns partially support an entablature which extends the full length of the second cornice. The columns and entablature are cement and the latter includes etched lettering reading "First National Bank" (east), "Bank" (diagonal), and "First National Bank" (north). Scroll-shaped brackets above the rectangular windows and the diagonal wall entryway also serve to support the entablature. Blue and white brick pilasters flank both sides of the original entry way and both sides of the large rectangular windows on the north and east sides.

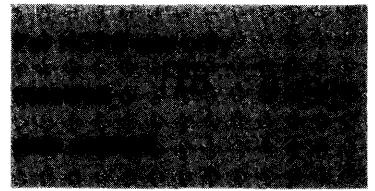
The town clock was once located immediately to the left of the original entrance and below the cornice dividing the first and second floors. It was moved when the First National Bank was sold in 1970.

Though there have been changes to the nominated property, none have extensively altered its integrity. The entrance in the diagonal wall could easily be returned to its original condition by removing the bricks and the recently created entryway could also be restored to its original appearance.

The First National Bank Building is located in the central business district of Wagoner and is flanked on both sides by other commercial buildings which retain thriving businesses.

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**



See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic      First National Bank of Wagoner

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number      114 East Cherokee St.      N/A      not for publication

city, town      Wagoner      vicinity of      congressional district      002

state      Oklahoma      code 40      county      Wagoner      code 145

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
object	N/A in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	N/A being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name      John Gephart

street & number      808 North Parkinson Ave.

city, town      Wagoner      vicinity of      state      Oklahoma

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.      Office of the County Clerk

street & number      Wagoner County Courthouse, 307 East Cherokee

city, town      Wagoner      state      Oklahoma

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title      Oklahoma Landmarks Inventory      has this property been determined eligible?      yes       no

date      1981      federal       state      county      local

depository for survey records      Oklahoma Historical Society-State Historic Preservation Office

city, town      Oklahoma City      state      Oklahoma

## 7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/>	excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered
<input type="checkbox"/>	fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> moved      date _____

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The First National Bank of Wagoner, constructed in 1895, is a two-story, rectangular commercial building (35' X 45'). Construction materials consist of red brick laid in a running bond course. It has a flat roof with a false front and a 1' parapet. Many elements of the building are similar to those found in the Second Renaissance Revival style: window trim which changes from floor to floor, projecting cornices, and arched openings used with pedimented openings.

A 15' wall diagonal to the north and east sides of the building forms the front of the structure.

On the first floor of the north side of the building there are five round arch sash windows and a wide rectangular window with a long, narrow leaded glass window above it. Round, rusticated brick arches surround each of the round arch windows.

On the second floor of the building's north side there are six 2/2 sash windows and a paired 1/1 sash window. Above each of the single windows there is a flat arch brick lintel which has been given a polychromatic effect through the use of stone edging. Above the paired windows there is a cement entablature supported by blue and white brick pilasters.

On the second floor of the diagonal wall, there is a 1/1 sash window which is topped by cement entablature supported by blue and white brick pilasters.

On the first floor of the building's east side there is a wide rectangular single pane window. Above it is a window band with two panes.

The second floor of the east side contains a paired 1/1 sash window. Above it is a cement entablature supported by blue and white brick pilasters.

The building includes three entryways. One is located in the diagonal wall and the other two are on the north side. The entrance in the diagonal wall is no longer functional because of partial bricking which has created a window. Above it are "Law Offices" painted in black lettering. One of the entrances on the north side is original (west end of north side) and is flanked by a round, rusticated brick arch. Above the entryway arch is the date of construction "1895" molded in concrete. The third entrance, created in the early 1970s, is located in one of the round arch windows (east end of north side).

Three exterior wall chimneys are located on the north wall and run parallel to the street.

Decorative elements include a bracketed cornice which extends around three sides of the building at the roof line. Above the cornice on the diagonal wall, there is a triangular pediment which encloses the word "BANK." A second bracketed cornice, located at the division between the first and second floors, extends along part of the north wall, across the diagonal wall, and along most of the east wall.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below							
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion				
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture				
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	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation				
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)				

Specific dates 1895–Present

Builder/Architect

Unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The First National Bank of Wagoner Building is significant because: (1) constructed in 1895, it is one of the oldest commercial buildings in Oklahoma having been completed twelve years prior to statehood, and (2) it has housed commercial activities of Wagoner for 85 years including one of the first banks in Oklahoma (sixth oldest in the state) and offices for attorneys, physicians, and petroleum businesses.

Before the turn of the century, there were few banks in northeastern Oklahoma. Residents and merchants of Wagoner, founded in 1871, had to use the bank in Muskogee for safe deposit of funds, sources of currency and credit, and other financial arrangements. Completed in 1895, the First National Bank represented an important step in establishing permanent status for the town of Wagoner and surrounding communities. It provided a sound financial base for both rural and urban areas in northeastern Oklahoma where great economic growth potential existed in lumbering, petroleum, coal mining, cattle, cotton, and service-oriented businesses.

The First National Bank was the major bank in Wagoner for over 75 years. In 1970 the bank moved to a new location because of increased needs for space, however, the First National Bank building was purchased by a local attorney for use as a law office. The transformation of the building's first floor into a suite of law offices continued the secondary economic function the building has always served. The second floor, since 1895, has housed professional offices including space for attorneys, physicians, and petroleum businesses.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Wagoner County History, Oklahoma Extension Homemakers Council, 1980.

Interview with John Gephart, owner of building, July, 1981.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Wagoner West, Oklahoma

Quadrangle scale 7.5 minutes

UMT References

A	1 15	2 8 15	6 1 10	3 9 8 1 8 7 15
Zone	Easting		Northing	
C				
E				
G				

B				
Zone	Easting		Northing	
D				
F				
H				

### Verbal boundary description and justification

East 67' of Lot 1, Block 340, Original Townsite of Wagoner, Oklahoma

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	N/A	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Claudia Ann Craig supervised by Dr. George O. Carney

organization Northeastern Oklahoma Counties Survey date October, 1981

street & number Oklahoma State University telephone 405-624-6250

city or town Stillwater state Oklahoma 74078

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *C. E. McGehee*

2-2-83

title

date

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the

National Register

date

*3/10/83*

Keeper of the National Register

date

Attest:

Chief of Registration